

Department of Health  
Notice of Rulemaking Hearing  
Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences'  
Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists  
Division of Health Related Boards

There will be a hearing before the Tennessee Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences' Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists to consider the promulgation of amendments to rules pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-17-105, and 63-17-203. The hearing will be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-204 and will take place in the Johnson Room of the Cordell Hull Building located at 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN at 2:30 p.m. (CST) on the 18th day of June, 2004.

Any individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (review these filings) should contact the Department of Health, Division of Health Related Boards to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation or review. Such initial contact may be made no less than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting date (the date such party intends to review such filings), to allow time for the Division to determine how it may reasonably provide such aid or service. Initial contact may be made with the ADA Coordinator at the Division of Health Related Boards, First Floor, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37247-1010, (615) 532-4397.

For a copy of the entire text of this notice of rulemaking hearing contact: Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager, Division of Health Related Boards, 425 Fifth Avenue North, First Floor, Cordell Hull Building, Nashville, TN 37247-1010, (615) 532-4397.

Substance of Proposed Rules

Amendments

Rule 1370-2-.04, Preliminary Qualifications for Licensure, is amended by deleting part (3) (c) 1. but not its subparts and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new part (3) (c) 1. shall read:

- (3) (c) 1. Out-of-state license issuance was based on passing the IHS exam, the IHS successor examination, the NBC-HIS exam, or any other exam approved by the Tennessee Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-17-105, 63-17-203, 63-17-209, and 63-17-210.

Rule 1370-2-.05, Procedures for Licensure, is amended by deleting subparagraphs (1) (g), (3) (g), (3) (m), and (4) (g) in their entirety and substituting instead the following

language, so that as amended, the new subparagraph subparagraphs (1) (g), (3) (g), (3) (m), and (4) (g) shall read:

- (1) (g) An applicant shall submit with his application a “passport” style photograph taken within the preceding twelve (12) months and attach it to the appropriate page of the application.
- (3) (g) An applicant shall submit with his application a “passport” style photograph taken within the preceding twelve (12) months and attach it to the appropriate page of the application.
- (3) (m) The applicant shall direct the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instruments Sciences to submit evidence that he is currently certified by the NBC-HIS or the applicant shall direct the IHS or any other Council-approved examination provider to submit documentation that he has passed the written examination, pursuant to Rule 1370-2-.08.
- (4) (g) An applicant shall submit with his application a “passport” style photograph taken within the preceding twelve (12) months and attach it to the appropriate page of the application.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-17-105, 63-17-203, 63-17-208, 63-17-209, and 63-17-210.

Rule 1370-2-.08, Examinations, is amended by deleting subparagraph (1) (a) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new subparagraph (1) (a) shall read:

(1) (a) Written Examination

- (a) The Council adopts as its written licensure examination:
  - 1. the sanctioned examination of the International Hearing Society (IHS); or
  - 2. the International Hearing Society’s successor examination; or
  - 3. any other examination approved by the Council.
- (b) The passing score for the sanctioned examination or successor examination of the International Hearing Society shall be the overall passing score as determined by the International Hearing Society.
- (c) The passing score for any other examination approved by the Council shall be the overall passing score as determined by Council.

- (d) If the applicant is currently licensed or has been licensed in another state as a hearing instrument specialist, the applicant shall direct the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instruments Sciences to submit evidence that he is currently certified by the NBC-HIS, or the applicant shall direct the NBC-HIS or any other Council-approved examination provider to submit documentation that he/she has passed the written examination as provided in this rule.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-17-105, 63-17-203, 63-17-209, and 63-17-210.

Contact who can answer questions concerning this notice of rulemaking hearing, technical contact for disk acquisition, and person who will approve final copy for publication: Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager, Division of Health Related Boards, First Floor, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37247-1010, (615) 532-4397.

I certify that this is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the Tennessee Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences' Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists.

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Robbie H. Bell, Director  
Division of Health Related Boards

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 2nd day of April, 2004.

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Notary Public

My commission expires on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

The notice of rulemaking set out herein was properly filed in the Department of State on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Riley C. Darnell  
Secretary of State

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